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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: OAS HELICOPTER SUPPORT

1. AN EMBASSY SOURCE HAS REPORTED THAT THE OAS OBSERVER TEAM MONITORING THE DEMILITARIZED AREAS OF EL SALVADOR-HONDURAS BORDER HAS BEEN DIRECTED TO RELEASE TWO HELICOPTERS WITH CREWS EFFECTIVE 10 SEP 76. HE STATES GEN. PADILLA HAS REQUESTED EXTENSION THROUGH OAS CHANNEL.
 2. THE OAS OBSERVERS FEEL THAT TO CONTINUE THEIR PRESENT MISSION IT IS ABSOLUTELY ESSENTIAL TO RETAIN THE HELICOPTER SUPPORT. THE DEMILITARIZED AREAS INCLUDE IN EXCESS OF 1,000 SQUARE KILOMETERS OF MOUNTAINOUS AREAS WHICH ARE UNACCESSIBLE BY ROAD. HORSES ARE USED BUT ONLY TO CARRY PACKS.
 3. THE COUNTRY TEAM RECOMMENDS RETENTION OR RETURN OF HELICOPTER SUPPORT FOR THE OAS MISSION UNTIL ITS WORK IS COMPLETED. WE BELIEVE THAT SUCCESSFUL COMPLETION OF MISSION IS OF UTMOST IMPORTANCE TO USG. COST SHOULD BE DEFRAIDED BY HONDURAS/EL SALVADOR OR
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